

Burns Bros. Coal

1920-1921

[Fulton Terminal, NYC]

NEW YORK RETAIL DEPOTS:

FOOT DELANCEY ST. E.R.
FOOT 38TH ST. N.R.
FOOT 32ND ST. E.R.
FOOT 107TH ST. E.R.
FOOT 133RD ST. N.R.
151ST ST. & 7TH AVE.
56TH ST E.R.
119TH ST E.R.
96TH ST. N.R.
40TH ST. N.R.
63RD ST E.R.
ROOSEVELT ST. E.R.
GARRISON AVE & BRONX RIVER
215TH ST. & HARLEM RIVER

BRANCH OFFICES:

102 W. 96TH ST.
1663 AMSTERDAM AVE.
263 WEST 125TH ST.
43 FLATBUSH AVE. BROOKLYN.

NEW JERSEY RETAIL DEPOTS:

COMMUNIPAU YARD, JOHNSTON AVE.
COMMUNIPAU PIER, COMMUNIPAU.
HUDSON YARD, JERSEY AVE. NEAR GRAND ST.
COMMUNIPAU AVE. & MORRIS CANAL.
EDGEWATER.
WEEHAWKEN.

BROOKLYN RETAIL DEPOTS:

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FOOT ADAMS ST. BROOKLYN.
FOOT 52ND ST. BROOKLYN.

FOOT MAIN ST. ASTORIA, L.I.

BURNS BROS.

COAL

DIRECT RECEIVERS
FROM MINES

DELIVERED TO
ANY PART OF
MANHATTAN,
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BROOKLYN,
JERSEY CITY,
HOBOKEN

Dictated M.F.B.

MS

MAIN OFFICE
FULTON TERMINAL BLDG.
FULTON & CHURCH STREETS.

TELEPHONE 8507 CORTLANDT.

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE CONNECTING ALL DEPOTS.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS

SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM.

NEW YORK, June 22, 1920

American Numismatic Society
Museum, Broadway & 156 St.
New York

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All orders, until delivered, are liable to increased or decreased charges or cancellation in the event of war, strikes, embargoes or for any other cause beyond our control, which would result in a change in the price of coal, its transportation, or prevent the delivery thereof."

Gentlemen:

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your order by Mr. Colyer, June 21, to be delivered as soon as possible and at the price current when delivered, subject to the conditions mentioned herein.

Thanking you and assuring you of our best efforts to deliver at the earliest moment and at the lowest price consistent with quality, weight and service, and trusting to hear from you to the effect that this is as you understand it, we are,

Very truly yours,

Burns Bros

August 12th, 1920

Burns Brothers
50 Church Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

During the Spring we ordered from your firm twenty-five tons of Egg coal which has not yet been delivered. I note the announced increase in freight rates and as our order placed with you was with the understanding that it would be the market price on the day of delivery, I am anxious to have the coal delivered before the increased freight rate may affect its price.

As I have stated above, our order is of several months' standing, and I feel that this request is a reasonable one.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/E

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NEW YORK, August 19, 1920.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Attention-Mr. A. P. Wyman.

Gentlemen:-

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We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 12th inst, requesting us to deliver your order for 25 tons of Egg coal to the above address (our order, by the way, calling for 20 tons) previous to an increase in freight rate, and replying would say, while we will make an effort to do this, still with the great scarcity of coal in this market, it is impossible for us to guarantee anything.

If we are not successful therefore (we hope we will be) we trust you will decide to leave the order with us, with our assurance we will ship as soon as we can, keeping the price as low as possible, consistent with weight, quality, and service.

Yours very truly,

Burns Bros

3589 B'way

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311 W. 43.

August 21st, 1920

Burns Bros.
50 Church Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of August 19th, replying to my enquiry as to the possibility of having coal delivered to us, and I note that my previous letter spoke of our order of twenty-five tons. In writing, I depended upon my memory which was apparently in error, and I should have said twenty (20) tons. However, I should be glad to increase the original order by five (5) tons and let it stand at twenty-five (25) tons.

May I explain my position in regard to requesting an early delivery? Our Museum has in the past purchased its coal from another firm. Upon my recommendation, the Board of Governors agreed to transfer the order to your firm. I so recommended the change because I believed that a larger organization would, in the long run, be able to take care of us better. My superiors are now hammering at me because the coal is not yet delivered, and I am anxious to show them the correctness of my judgment in recommending that the coal be bought from Burns Bros.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/E

BURNS BROS.

New York, March 18th, 1921.

Our present prices for delivery in **MANHATTAN** and **BRONX** are as follows:

Broken	\$12.75	Buckwheat	\$ 8.10
Egg	12.75	Rice	7.10
Stove	13.00	Barley	6.10
Nut	13.00	Soft	9.00
Pea	10.75	Nonpareil	6.85

Labor, if any, additional.

These prices are subject to change without notice.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS**SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM,****NEW YORK, March 18, 1921.****TO OUR CUSTOMERS:**

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Following our usual custom, we are sending out this communication calling your attention to the present conditions, with the idea that you will use your own judgment as to the advisability of placing your orders for coal to be delivered as soon as possible from time to time as the conditions warrant it.

Up to the present only four of the producers known as Companies have announced prices which indicate a reduction of 50c a ton on domestic sizes, including Pea coal. It is hoped that others will follow along the same lines, but there are some of the high cost producing Companies who maintain that they will not be able to reduce their prices from those now being charged and if this is the case, the only thing we can do naturally is to follow along the lines that we have been doing during the past year which resulted in our customers getting coal when it was obtainable without any substantial increase in price more than that justified by the various increases on account of labor, railroad freight rates, etc., with the result that our prices were as low as any other dealer and much less than a great majority of the dealers in this section.

Under these circumstances, we feel that those who have been dealing with us will be willing to place their orders with the understanding that we will take care of them as best we are able to at the lowest price possible.

We will probably know very soon just what we may expect in the way of prices and also the quantity of coal that we will be able to get from the respective Companies, those that are low-priced and those that will have to charge more and if this is the condition we will strike an average price as we have done during the past and hope it will be one that will be satisfactory to you and result in our being favored with the business.

We shall be glad if you will figure up what coal you require and send in the orders and we will start to deliver just as soon as we are able to. We think it is necessary to start putting in coal at once as when everybody begins to buy, the demand will be very heavy in all probability as every part of the country will ask for coal and we hope we will get a sufficient supply to enable us to take care of a large amount of the needs of our customers while the opening price continues.

We believe that it is the intention to advance the price of domestic sizes including Pea coal each month at the rate of 10c per ton beginning May 1st and continuing until September, when, in all probability, the maximum will be reached, and of course it is to your advantage to get your coal in at the earliest moment we are able to deliver it, giving due consideration to quality and service. We believe that the quality this year will improve as on an average last year we had extremely good luck as it was only in rare cases when we had to buy a lot of high-priced coal that the quality was a little "off," in other words there was some slate in it, on account of which we could hardly refuse the cargoes which were so badly needed, as after all it was better than nothing and that would have been the case had we not gone out and bought coal wherever we were able to get it, but we believe that the situation will now clear up and the quality will show a decided improvement.

Hoping to be favored with your order which will be entered subject to the conditions mentioned herein,

Very truly yours,

May 14th, 1921

Mr. - Colyer
C/o Burns Bros. Coal Company
50 Church Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

I am, herewith, sending you a miniature of the Victory Medal which you thought you would like to have the last time you were up here. I am, also, enclosing the bill, and I would suggest that you send A.H. Baldwin & Sons, a Money Order direct for 7/6.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Enc.